

REPTON VILLAGE SOCIETY

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Many members will have seen in the Parish Magazine and elsewhere that whilst the foundations for the new Science Priory at Repton School were being dug evidence has been found of Roman and early Saxon activity, predating the later Saxon and Viking presence that has been well documented in the past. Hopefully a full report will be available at a later date.

Turning to perhaps a less benign possible excavation, on October 4th between 11a.m and 7p.m officers from the Derbyshire County and Derby City Councils will be in the Village Hall to explain the Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Plan and to answer any questions. This document will begin by setting out a broad vision and strategy for minerals development to 2030 and provides the framework against which planning applications for mineral development will be judged. **One of the sites put forward for future sand and gravel extraction under the plan lies in the parish.** The officers request that this “Drop in Exhibition” be given the widest publicity. This information has also appeared in the Parish Magazine.

Some members may have received a letter from the DCC regarding proposals to turn off some street lights either permanently or just between midnight and 5.30a.m. Details are available on www.derbyshire.gov.uk/streetlights or at the Parish Office, The Dales, Mondays 1p.m – 4p.m and Wednesdays 2p.m- 6p.m.

On a lighter note you will see from the attached 2013 programme that there is another jazz evening with Bill Smith and the Strictly Swing Quintet on February 9th. By popular request it will finish a little earlier at about 10.15p.m. During discussions Bill mentioned that if he receives a request for any particular tune he will try and include it. Please let any committee member know and we will pass the information on in plenty of time.

We have sent a donation of £100 to the RAF Benevolent Fund to mark the effort made by the Spitfire pilot to get to Repton for the Jubilee flypast in poor visibility. As already mentioned the flypast was free of charge.

Just a reminder that the closing date for entries for the photographic competition is Thursday October 4th – our next meeting. If you haven't got a copy of the rules and would like to enter please ring 01283 701838. Prizes are £20, £15, £10.

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Future Programme.

Thursday October 4th. Sir Barnes Wallis was born in Ripley in 1887 and became a scientist, designer, engineer and inventor. Peter Rix, who is a Trustee of The Barnes Wallis Trust, is travelling down from Harrogate to give a talk entitled “Not Just the Bouncing Bomb Man” that will, as the title suggests, cover his life and his work in airship and aircraft design as well as his invention of the bouncing bomb. There could be a larger than normal audience for this talk.

Thursday November 1st. “The Farmhouses and Cottages of South Derbyshire” Philip Heath, Heritage Officer & Conservation Officer SDDC, will be describing some of the less well known of these buildings. His talk will be followed by the results of the photographic competition, wine and nibbles. The judge, Brian Davis who is Chairman of the Willington Arts Festival, will present the prizes and comment on the entries.

Thursday December 6.th Members Evening with old films, quizzes, food and drink and pleasant company. Tickets: £3.50.

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